

Greater Beloit

Chamber of Commerce

August 19, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

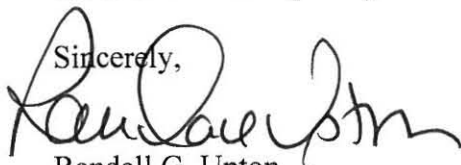
The Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce believes that improved broadband access is critical for small metro/rural areas such as that found in our region. As a consequence, I am writing this letter in response to your call for comments regarding AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA.

This merger would greatly expand the next generation of high-speed mobile broadband technology (4G LTE) to nearly 97 percent of the American population. That includes a significant number of rural and small-metro Wisconsin communities that do not currently have access to this technology, just like those found in the more rural areas of Southern Wisconsin.

Approval of this proposed merger is important for our business community. Businesses without access to broadband are at a real disadvantage in the competitive, global marketplace. Mobile applications and solutions are becoming a larger part of successful enterprises, resulting in cost-effective efficiencies that businesses of all sizes can appreciate and use. These economic benefits aren't strictly business-driven: governments, schools, universities, hospitals and other healthcare institutions can greatly benefit by integrating next-generation mobile broadband into their operations. Wireless broadband technology is important for helping today's students become tomorrow's community and business leaders.

The combination of AT&T and T-Mobile is good for the City of Beloit and its surrounding communities. The merger's benefits include a better quality network, expanded access to next generation mobile broadband technology, economic growth and job creation -- all of which will occur much more quickly than with other options -- and with private investment dollars.

Sincerely,



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President

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